

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTALAttorney Docket No. **0503-1076-1**

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To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ division ☒ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. **10/006,664**, filed on **December 10, 2001**, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SOLVING A PROBLEM ARISING DURING A WELDING OPERATION OR THE LIKE**

Enclosed are:

42 Pages of Specification containing **16** claims**2** Sheets of formal Drawings ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure☐ Submission of English translation of prior provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)☐ Newly executed Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney☐ Copy of Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney from a prior application (continuation/divisional)☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.☐ Deletion of inventor(s). A signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63 (d)(2) and 1.33(b))☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27☒ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))☐ An assignment to _____ for parent application no. _____ was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☐ Copy of IDS citations☐ Preliminary Amendment☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☒ Priority of **European** application No. **00403450.0** filed on **December 8, 2000** is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on **December 10, 2001**.

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